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THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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A conference was held at Zmiyev, Khar'kev Oblast at which medical and personnel discussed health measures to be adopted before the agricultural population goes out into the field to start on the Lirgest wheat harvest in history. A section of the Institute for the Welfare of Mothers and Shildren has set itself the task of giving a thorough phys. I examination to all women above the age of 20 years. Another project is the examination of all women above 30 for any indications of cameer. This same program was carried out very successfully last year with the cooperation of the abovementioned Institute.

Much has been done to once for withers and potential to be among the agricultural populations. A small hospital and farm malestaty home. has been set up at Ostroverkhovka; resident obstetrician Polovinskija, and gynecologist Vasil'yev are conducting a thorough exemination of citizens of Tymohenks. A large-scale examination is being conducted at the various populated points around Taranovskaya. Maternity services at the Pasiki Terenovskaya Maternity Home have been reinstated. Much propylactic work is being conducted in the rayon center where an X-pay un't h's been installed recently.

The various dectors assigned to agricultural communities have before them the task of providing service to tractor operators, combine operators, and all general farm hands. At present, there is a 2-day seminar being conducted at which antimalarial measures are being discussed. One of the leading organizers of this farm health program is Makeimove, chief doctor at the Emiyev Mospital.

Medical personnel in Uzbekistan have clso been preparing themselves for the spring planting season. The Ministry of Public Health has drawn up a comprehensive health program which is already being put into effect. Dentists and tuberculosis specialists have set up offices in several agricultural communities. The Central Pharamoeutical Administration for

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the Ministry of Public Health has assigned some 15,000 pharmacists to care for the field hands. The Oblast Pharmaceutical Bases have been allotted a budget of 2.5 million rubles for the purchase of medicines for farm workers. An intensive program for the reconstruction of maternity homes is under way.

The Uzbekistan branch of the Red Cross is aiding this general health program. They have supplied various obstetrical points with 250 autoclaves and about 250 sterilizers. At present, there is a program for the establishment of 10,000 permanent sanitation posts among the sovihozes, the kolkhozes and various vice at planting time.

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